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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The figures in Document A16 to the best of Applicants' knowledge provide general background information with regard to air filters.

Document A18 appears to be a foreign language version of Document A17.

Applicants wish to inform the Examiner that U.S. Serial No. 10/363,849, cited in the specification, is the U.S. National Phase of Document A10.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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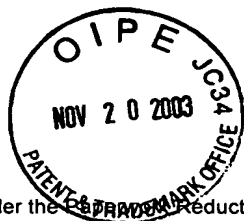
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